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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I currently get DSL provided by a local company that I think is referred to as a CLEC as they also provide telephone service too. They provide the service over ATT's copper wires and so if cut off from that would be basically out of business in my area (semi-rural so not economic for them to run their own copper, let alone fiber).

I like the local provider because they have local customer service and are also strong advocates of privacy and of "open internet". Without this competition, my choice would be ATT at whatever price they chose to charge, or cell which is an expensive way to get data. No cable in the area.

So please keep the competitive environment. As long as my CLEC can thrive I can one day hope to get fiber broadband.

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